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TAGS: SREF, CB, KS

SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM FROM CAMBODIANS

REF: STATE 084161

EA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR POC CALLED ON AMBASSADOR APRIL 14 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS SMALL CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY IN SEOUL. HE STRESSED THAT, AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, HE IS NOT REPEAT NOT MAKING ANY FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASYLUM AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT UNLESS KHMER GOVERNMENT FALLS.

2. POC SAID IN EVENT OF FALL OF KHMER GOVT HE AND HIS FAMILY OF THREE WOULD DESIRE ASYLUM IN US FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. DEPENDING UPON FUNDS PROVIDED TO CAMBODIAN EMBASSY BEYHIS GOVERNMENT, POC INDICATED HE WOULD PROBABLY NEED BOTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TRANSPORTATION. POC IS NOT CERTAIN ABOUT DESIRES OTHER EMPLOYEES OF HIS EMBASSY OR FOUR CAMBODIANS NOW IN KOREA FOR TRAINING. HE GAVE ME FULL LIST OF CAMBODIANS PRESENTLY IN KOREA. POC ASKED ME TO COMMUNICATE HIS PRESENT VIEWS PERSONALLY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB.

3. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, I ASSURED AMBASSADOR POC OF OUR DESIRE
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TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT MADE

NO REPEAT NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS.

4. AT PRESENT STAGE WE ARE TAKING NO ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIANS IN KOREA, EXCEPT AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TYPE OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA REQUIRED. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY URGENT NEEDS TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASYLUM SHOULD AMBASSADOR POC AND OTHERS REQUEST IT FORMALLY, SINCE ROKG LIKELY TO BE PREPARED PROVIDE INTERIM ASSISTANCE.
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